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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(c)**

Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on Form PTO-1449 along with a copy of any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature document in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). Also enclosed is a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document. The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are cited herein because they were cited in the Search Report of corresponding DE Application No. 102 52 683.

It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By identifying the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents but is instead identifying the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p), and to charge any additional fee or credit any refund.

Respectfully submitted,

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